

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 3 August 2007. The Applicant previously filed an Amendment responsive to the Office Action. The Examiner then issued a Notice of Non-Compliance on 2 October 2007. It is believed that the subject Patent Amendment has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's instructions to correct any informalities found therein as noted by the Examiner in the Notice of Non-Compliance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has found three inventions, namely, Group 1 directed to Claims 1-11 drawn to a polymer solution containing a cross-linking agent; Group 2 directed to Claims 12-29 drawn to a method of forming a membrane having a cross-linking structure; and, Group 3 directed to Claims 30-40 drawn to a material having a cross-linking structure. The Examiner has required that the Applicant choose one group for further prosecution in this case.

By this Amendment and Response, Applicant elects Group 3 directed to Claims 30-40. Claims 1-20 have been withdrawn.

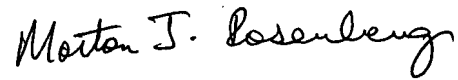
If the undersigned Attorney's interpretation of the Restriction Requirement is not in accordance with the Examiner's requirement, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would call the undersigned Attorney for further clarification purposes at (410) 465-6678. It is believed that Claims 30-40 read on the elected group.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for examination, and such action is respectfully requested.

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No fees are believed to be due with this Amendment. If there are any charges associated with this filing, the Honorable Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account #18-2011 for such charges.

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